

The Middletown Transcript.

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SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 13, 1877.

It may be refreshing and interesting to our Republican readers to learn that Senator Howe, of Wisconsin, utterly repudiates the "Mrs." Pinkston outrage stories, and denounces them as wholly false and entirely unworthy of belief.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

FLORIDA.—Since the inauguration of the Democratic State officials all has become quiet, and harmony prevails in all parts of the State. The Congressional Committees have finished their election examinations and returned to Washington, but the result of their labors has not yet been officially made public.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Both Hampton and Chamberlain continue to exercise the governorship of the State, but as the Chamberlain party are without funds and cannot raise any by taxation, while the people readily respond to Hampton's calls for payment of taxes, it is only a question of time—provided, the Washington administration keeps out of it—as to which side will succeed. The Chamberlain usurpation must and will come to an end, and that right soon. It wouldn't stand an hour, now, if it was not for the support of the military forces of Gen. Roger.

LOUISIANA.—The greatest interest has centered in this State, where a very important movement of rather a revolutionary character, took place on Tuesday morning. Gen. Nicholls having been inaugurated as Governor, and feeling that he was fairly elected to that position by a large majority of the legal voters of the State, made a determined effort to take possession of the State offices which were held by the Packard faction. For this purpose he called to his aid the Democratic clubs, and the State militia, who, by his orders, captured all the police stations, the Supreme Court building, and the Arsenal, and besieged the State House, which was occupied by Packard, his Legislature and his colored militia. The stations were surrendered without firing a gun, and at no time during the day was any blood spilled. The Metropolitan telegraph wires were cut by the Nicholls militia, but Packard established communication with United States Marshal Pitkin, at the Custom House, by stationing the U. S. Signal Corps on top of the State House. When the Democrats obtained possession of the Court building they installed their judges in place of the Republican Court. A demand for the surrender of the State House was rejected by Packard, who said he would resist an attack. Subsequently, the leaders of the Nicholls party disclaimed any intention of attacking that building. Early in the afternoon, some one in the crowd fired two pistol shots into the lower story of the State House; three shots were returned from within, and, though no one was wounded, the excitement was intense. At this juncture the Mayor rode up in a carriage and read a proclamation which had been issued by Nicholls, representing the danger of the people collecting in large bodies, and enjoining them to return peacefully to their homes. Part of the crowd dispersed, and the remainder were finally induced to retire by the exertions of Nicholls and Chief of Police Baylon. The Democrats remained masters of the situation last night, about 2,500 White Leaguers patrolling the streets, while another force prevented any one from entering or leaving the State House, or taking any food to those inside. There was no interference by General Roger during the day. The events in New Orleans were considered at a full cabinet meeting, and, as a result, General Augur was instructed last night to suppress "all unauthorized armed bodies organized and assembling in a manner to threaten the peace of the city." The President, it is stated, will not recognize either party claiming to be the Government.

LOUISIANA'S LAST REVOLUTION.

Yesterday Louisiana notified the people of the United States of another revolution in the capital and commercial metropolis of that State. It was supported by armed force, but without bloodshed, we are glad to say, at least down to the hour when this is written.

These events call for some review of the condition of affairs in Louisiana in the last four years; but, as preliminary to that, we desire to say that yesterday's proceedings at New Orleans, as far as we can see the facts through the telegraphic narrative, are entirely indefensible on any pretense that they are lawful and orderly; or upon any ground except the open avowal that they are revolutionary for the attainment of rights that cannot be secured by due course of law. No other ground will justify the movement of a force of armed men, to install judges and to take possession of courts and the machinery for the administration of justice. When men do take that ground they must expect to take all the consequences of armed revolution, even though no life be lost and no blood be shed.

So much upon that point. It must

now be said that the Government of the United States is directly responsible for what occurred yesterday in Louisiana, and for all the events of the same character that have occurred since 1873. At no time, since January of that year, has there been a republican form of government in that State, or any but revolutionary government, and of this the Congress of the United States has been fully, if not legally notified. Committees of both the Senate and House of Representatives have inquired into the matter, and their reports to the above effect were spread before the two Houses, but no proper or effective action was taken in either House, although there was some approach to action by the House of Representatives in February, 1875, in an irregular way, through what was known as the "Wheeler plan" or "compromise." This, however, was a poor patch upon an edifice that was defective to its very foundation. Congress is bound by the constitution to see that every State has a republican form of government, and, in order that the readers of the *LEADER* may understand how entirely Congress has neglected this duty, the speeches were excellent and refused the performance of this duty in the case of Louisiana, we shall refer to a few facts from authority that cannot be successfully disputed.

Just after the State election of 1874 Judge Henry Dibble, who was then, as is now, an adherent of Governor Kellogg, and who was then the counsel for Kellogg's party, and an officeholder under Kellogg's government, wrote to Judge Foster, then of the National House of Representatives, and a member of the House investigating committee, that the people of Louisiana suffer from, I do not think he would rest quietly under it. While he was speaking in the Senate, the intelligent people of Louisiana,—almost all the people apparently—were driving out the carpetbaggers and riff-raff elements which had stolen the State Government. Everything seemed to be done peacefully and lawfully, and there was no bloodshed, and if Governor Nicholls proceeds thus prudently and judiciously to the end, no power on earth can prevent the recognition of his Government. Bloodshed, however, would give an excuse for President Grant to repeat the interference and tyranny of May, and this, it is hoped, will be avoided.

Senator Foster replied briefly to Senator Sherman, and promised a full report hereafter.

The House and Senate also passed unanimously a bill abolishing the Police Board of this District. The Board had long been presided over by the editor of the *Republican*, and the President was anxious to keep him in power, but he will hardly yet a bill passed unanimously, as this was. The House to-day commenced an investigation of the Board. The Republican man will probably get a new place.

Senator Bayard is hopeful of good results from the committees of the Senate and House on the counting of the Electoral vote. Like all the other members, he is reticent as to the proceedings of the committee, but it is known that he has a plan which has been or will be submitted for action. Other members of the committee are increasingly hopeful.

The report is just received here of the nomination of Lyman Trumbull, by the Democrats of Illinois, for Senator. This gives the Legislature a chance to choose between Trumbull and Logan. There ought to be no doubt of the result. It is a choice between a bitter partisan on one side and an eminent conservative on the other, and these are times that require conservative statesmanship.

Business in some of the bureaus of the Government is practically suspended. Whether this is due to the uncertain term of life of the clerks, or to the insufficiency of Government officers, or to both, I do not pretend to say. But the fact is as stated, and is the subject of common remark among those in position to know. Senator Morton said two years ago, that he had "the best civil service on the planet," but evidently it was not formed for this particular time.

Nothing has been developed yet showing improper use of money in the Oregon electoral case, though Senator Morton still professes himself satisfied that the trial will be forthcoming. The attempt was to connect President Tilden with the payment of money for the benefit of Gov. Grover. The Senator evidently reasoned from a knowledge of what he would have done, rather than from a just appreciation of Mr. Tilden's character.

Connected with the Oregon case the Senate is considering the advisability of compelling a telegraph operator to disclose the contents of a message sent through him. The House has a similar question on hand and each body is holding back for the other to take the lead.

There is every prospect that the Pension bill giving \$8 a month to soldiers of the Mexican, Black Hawk and Seminole wars, which passed the Senate several days since, will pass the Senate. An efficient committee of veterans is working for the bill.

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One Side-bar Buggy, Rogers' make; One

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Seven Sets of Single Harness, a large number of Bindles, Ropes, and all other articles used in first-class carriages.

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THE BENNETT-MAY DUEL.

Bennett Probably Injured—May Receives an Apology from Him.

DOVER, Del. Jan. 11, 1877.

About the greatest affair of honor that Delaware has been dishonored with, was the probable farce duel between James Gordon Bennett and Fredericks May, at Slaughter's Station, ten miles west of this town. The affair leaked out here early on Tuesday morning, and from that time until night, every one was excitedly discussing it.

May, and his two friends, came to Dover on Monday evening and engaged rooms at Ford's hotel. Their style of dress and general demeanor were sufficient to excite suspicion, and though they eluded detection by leaving early on Tuesday morning, and before the account of the duel reached town, there were many ways of concluding that they were the May party. Bennett hired a team, and he and his party were driven to Smyrna. When he arrived there he asked the owner of the team if his horse had been driven hard, to which he received a reply in the affirmative. "How much is he worth?" asked Bennett. "\$250," was the reply. "Well, I have half a notion to give you my check for the amount," said Bennett. But he didn't. A special train was hired by the party and they left Smyrna early in the morning for Wilmington and Philadelphia. Bennett was easily distinguished by the scratches and bruises on his face, over which court-plaster was put.

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Two pigeon shooting matches took place at Middletown yesterday. The first was between E. M. Parry and R. T. Clayton, for a horse valued at \$110, and was won by Mr. Parry. The second was between Mr. Parry and a gentleman from Pennsylvania for a purse of \$100.

LARGE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Samuel Townsend, Esq., as executor, will sell at public sale, at the late residence of John Townsend, deceased, all the stock and utensils used upon the farm of said deceased, near Townsend, Del., on Wednesday, Feb. 14th next.

Sudden Death at Kirkwood.

Wm. Magens, station agent at Kirkwood, died very suddenly at that place last Friday evening. He had been unwell for some days, but on Friday seemed to be in good health, and went about his duties as usual, but about four o'clock in the afternoon he suddenly dropped dead. He was 70 years old.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK ELECTION.

An election for directors of this bank for the ensuing year, took place at the banking house in Middletown on Tuesday. No special interest was manifested and no hubbub made, and the full board of directors were unanimously re-elected. Their names are published in our Middletown Directory.

A FATAL FALL.

Frederick Matlitz, a well-known morocco manufacturer of Wilmington, whilst on a visit to Philadelphia called at a shoe manufacturer on Friday week, and after reaching the top of a flight of stairs, slipped and fell to the bottom, fracturing his skull in the fall. He was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital, but his injuries were so great that he died in a few hours.

The Middletown School Bill.

The bill introduced into the legislature by Mr. Davis this week in regard to the schools of this town, provides for the incorporation of the two districts—Nos. 60 and 94—under the name of the "Middletown Public Schools," and for the election of nine directors, and requires them to lay an annual tax of not less than \$1000 nor more than \$1200, and authorizes them to lay a supplementary tax.

The Melting of the Snow.

The warm spell and rain last Saturday and Sunday caused the snow to melt rapidly and the streets on Sunday morning were covered, in many places, with water making the walking very disagreeable. In consequence a good many stayed at home, as the walking was too bad to go to church. The sleighing was nearly spoiled, but as the wind blew up cold again on Monday night, the water and slush became frozen and made the sleighing though rather rough, nearly as good as ever.

The Election Cases.

At a session of the U. S. Court, in Wilmington, on Thursday, John Branson was convicted of having participated and voted in the name of John Hardis, at the recent election. Some of the witnesses on the part of the prosecution gave evidence tending to implicate police officer Wm. Legg in having induced the prisoner to the illegal voting, but the prisoner himself blamed James Middleton. Michael McCarty, charged with assault upon and resisting, Deputy U. S. Marshals, on the day of election, was also found guilty. The case of Michael Cannon was continued to next term, Dennis Kane becoming his bail in \$100.

Coasting Accident.

Wilmington's young men and boys still continue their coasting fun despite the serious accidents that occasionally occur. Another accident, which was rather a bad one for the coasters occurred on Wednesday evening—

On that evening the coasting was better than it had been for some time previous, and the coasters turned out in large numbers. About six o'clock a man in a sleigh with a pair of horses was driving up Fourth street when the coasters were thickest, when a large sled or "jumper" occupied by three young men—Edwin S. Sharpe, Wm. Zeigler and Dennis Shields—came rushing down the hill, striking against and throwing one of the horses while at the same time another sled, ridden by Wilmer Thomas, tripped up the other horse, upsetting the sled and spilling the occupant. Bystanders ran to the assistance of the boys, and found two of them, Thomas and Shields, in an insensible condition—They were carried to a neighboring drug-store and their wounds examined. Thomas had his head badly cut, as though he had been kicked by the horse, and Shields had received a severe blow on the back of the head, from which he remained insensible for several hours. He was out, however, the next morning, but Thomas is still confined to the house. The other two boys were also hurt, but not so badly as these. One had his leg sprained and the other his tongue cut—The man and the horses and sleigh were un-hurt and went on their way rejoicing.

Four Weeks' Meeting.

Is announced at the Methodist Church, to begin Monday night, January 15th. Sermons may be expected during the first week, from Rev. J. B. Merritt, of Odessa, Rev. Geo. B. Bristol, of Bethel, and from Rev. Mr. Kennedy and Dr. Patton, of Middletown—in the order they are named. General prayer meeting every Friday. The pastor—Dr. Malack—especially requests the Christians of all denominations in the village and by constant attendance if possible, to promote a deep religious interest in the community. And all the people are kindly urged to attend and improve the opportunity for a personal consecration to the service of God. Services begin at 7 o'clock.

Christians of Middletown.

Many of you have attended and enjoyed the joint service of the Week of Prayer, now near its close. The doctrine of fellowship, the tribute of thanksgiving, the humble confessions, the earnest prayer, which have been occupying your minds and hearts cannot be without rich fruit of divine blessing. Last year the result was seen in the conversion of many precious souls, from a life of sin, to the service of the Saviour. This year it is proposed to commence a special service the coming week, in the Methodist Church, which will continue four weeks. To that you are earnestly invited to come. Come with prayer for God's presence. Come with expectation of divine favor to be bestowed on the word. Come believing in the Holy Ghost, as an awakening and converting power. Come at the beginning of this service. Your own pastors and neighboring ministers will unite with you in word and deed, to lead all minds to a closer walk with God; and if possible to bring wanderers back to his fold, and lead strangers to know and love him. L. C. M.

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The crop of 1876 was the exact counterpart of the crop of the preceding year, being what was generally termed a failure, and yet with this small crop prices ruled so low in many instances as to afford a small profit.

The trees having had a comparative rest for one season, a large crop, or at least an average one, may reasonably be expected the coming season. If it comes, what are we to do with it? Certainly, in the light of past experience, we cannot hope, in times of such general depression, for paying prices if the crop is all thrown upon the market in its fresh condition.

Canning factories have been started in different portions of our country, but the first cost of such establishments is so great, and the goods put up by them are so expensive, that we cannot look to this source for a full measure of relief.

The use of improved drying machines seems to be the only true solution of the problem before us. If we can find machines that will dry in a rapid and superior manner, our cullings and prunes, let us ship only our extra to market in their fresh condition, it is evident that for such extras we could obtain prices which would be highly remunerative. If, in addition to this, we can make our cullings and our prunes pay as good prices, and also utilize our soft and speckled peaches, we will then have reached a result scarcely desired by all. Experience has shown that unpared peaches will yield about four pounds to the basket of evaporated product; these are worth in market from thirteen to eighteen cents per pound, according to quality.

We therefore see that the cullings and prunes, properly dried by artificial heat, bring from fifty to seventy cents per basket; taking out the cost of drying, which will not exceed fifteen cents per basket, with the improved machines which are now obtainable, and we have a net profit of from thirty-five to fifty-five cents per bushel. With such prices for our cullings and prunes, and the increased price which our extras would bring us by keeping our inferior fruit out of the market, we are at once placed upon a basis that will make peach growing profitable.

It may be questioned by some whether sale could be made of evaporated peaches in large quantities at the above figures. A careful study of the situation will have a tendency to remove such fears; the price might be slightly affected, but the demand for such fruit would be great.

The Speaker presented a memorial from the National Board of Trade.

Mr. Davis and Fideman were appointed to the Senate's members of the joint committee on the boundary questions, and the special committee was discharged. The bill to incorporate the Worden Manufacturing Company was passed, as was also the bill for the benefit of G. W. Horsey of Sussex, and the bill to amend the State Academy building for school purposes.

This unexpected generosity made our hearts glad. But, alas! on the next day Mr. Clark sent a messenger to Mr. Cleaver asking for a return of the note of donation as he wished to make some changes in the conditions. This note was accordingly returned.

In a few days Mr. Cleaver received the second note from Mr. T. J. Clark, stating that "he would not dare to say the aid society as he had not much faith in the administration of Delaware City" viz: E. D. Cleaver, John T. Clark, and G. W. Horsey, commissioners, and your obedient servant F. S. DUNLAP.

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Proceedings of the Legislature.

Tuesday, Jan. 8th.

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From our Special Correspondent.

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Mr. Clark's bill proposes to authorize the State Treasurer to issue bonds of the denominations of \$1,000, \$500, and \$100 each.

I think the bill meets with much favor, since every Delawarean is cognizant of the absence of any place of confinement for criminals who should earn their support by work.

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It is evident that the bill will be passed.

Mr. Clark's bill for the establishment of an Industrial Art School, notice of bills; by Mr. Davis, to unite the school of his farm in Sussex from School district 46 to 51.

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Bill passed: The Sussex County Dog Law.

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